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|   |   | First Named Inventor   | Melik Isbara      |
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|   |   | Examiner Name          | Kenneth B. Wells  |
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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims  - 20<sup>\*\*</sup> =  X  =   
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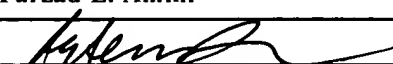
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